

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2018**

PRESENT: Mr. Marc W. Richard; Chairman, Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Vice-Chairman and Mr. John Nason, Clerk

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM

Chairman Richard Opened the Meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. He notified all in attendance that this evening's meeting was being both video and audio recorded. Ms. Colleen Montague from The Ware River News was also in attendance audio taping this evening's meeting.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Chairman Richard first started by apologizing to our former Board Member, Mr. James Gagner for allowing Mr. Michael Baril to comment with vague allegations of misconduct by and between Mr. Gagner and Industrial Communications. The office has been in touch with both Mr. Gagner and Michael Umano, President of Industrial Communications to extend his personal apologies to both.

Kathy Rugani addressed the Board this evening regarding the ongoing Reed Street water issue. There was a meeting at USDA Office in Rutland and is urging the Board to have the Town Planner start applying for grant applications. Mr. Richard stated that the Board is aware of the meeting and the before any further action is taken, this should be an agenda item at an upcoming meeting.

Megan Lafko attempted to address the Board this evening, however, was stopped by the Chairman before she could make any comments and was asked to contact the office in order to be placed on an upcoming agenda. Mrs. Lafko was more than willing to do so.

Roxanna Nowak requested confirmation that the Main Street Project (West Warren) was still moving forward without the bike lanes. The Board confirmed that it was.

Stanley Soltys followed up a question he had at a previous meeting regarding employee evaluations. All employees under the Board of Selectmen's authority have been completed last year. According to the town's by-laws, evaluations are to be done by every department head by June 1st of each year.

Mr. Soltys also stated that a directive was given to the Chief of Police to include his vehicle fleets mileage on his monthly reports, however claimed that it has not been done on the reports as of late. Mr. Richard will contact the Chief.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of May 15, 2018 as written made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. As a reminder, this years' Memorial Day Parade will take place on Sunday, May 27th beginning at 1 PM at St. Paul's Cemetery. Veterans, youth sport groups or town organizations are welcome and encouraged to march. Please contact the Board of Selectmen's Office for more information.- **Noted**

APPOINTMENT – BOARD OF ASSESSORS – ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion to appoint H. Wm. Ramsey to the Board of Assessors until the next town election made by Richard Pisarski; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous. A Roll Call Vote is necessary for this appointment, with two Assessors (Paula Keefe and Richard Pisarski) and the Board of Selectmen voting unanimously in favor of the appointment.

TOM BOUDREAU – HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Mr. Boudreau was in attendance this evening to discuss two matters. The first being the recent vote at Town Meeting which the voters approved an Article in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purchase of a used road side mower. The mower that Mr. Boudreau is interested in is in excess of that amount. The machine in question is in Connecticut and is still available. The current amount is \$26,840.73. Mr. Nardi reminded him that a purchase greater than \$10,000.00 would need to go through the procurement process. Mr. Richard stated that the Board doesn't have an issue with it. Mr. Kirk, member of the Finance Committee questioned the life expectancy, to which Mr. Boudreau offered approximately five (5) years.

Mr. Boudreau also requested that the Board sign off on the Chapter 90 Reimbursement. Motion to sign and approve the request for two (2) Chapter 90 Reimbursement Requests from MassDOT for contract No. 51014 in the amounts of \$28,000.00 and \$24,304.80 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 94 & 95 dated May 21, 2018 in the amounts of \$38,947.15 and \$69,307.93 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nardi advised the Board this evening that the town will soon be having another auction of vehicles on Muni-bid for Fire Department apparatus. He also advised that he will be working with the Historical Commission on the window project at the Town Hall.

Mr. Richard and Mr. Boudreau met with MassDOT Officials to do a final walk-thru of the resurfacing project. The issue with the sidewalks was a topic of discussion and MassDOT is aware and will make any final decisions on the matter. This particular issue with the sidewalks flaking has surfaced in a number of communities on recent projects.

On the heels of last week's Pinning Ceremony for First Responders and National Police Week, Mrs. Acerra wanted to acknowledge National EMS Week which is May 20th thru May 26th. She extended her thanks to all Fire, Paramedic and EMT's that serve and protect each and every one of us.

Next Meeting Date: June 5, 2018, 2018 at 7 PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason - unanimous at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

John Nason, III, Clerk

